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PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2176**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hirotaoka OHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: 2176

Application No.: 10/652,496

Examiner: C. NGUYEN

Filed: September 2, 2003

Docket No.: 116706

For: LAYOUT SYSTEM, LAYOUT PROGRAM, AND LAYOUT METHOD

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 25, 2006 Office Action, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and

Remarks.